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1. Antonio Lavino, born at Fossette (Vercelli) on 25 March 1901, former industrialist, resides in Rome since 1949 at 26 Via Incrino, and is married to Maria Reda, born at Muzzano on 24 September 1903. His son, Ermanno, was born at Fossette on 1 August 1930.

2. Lavino is the financial supporter of Farmedical Company, recently created by Mario Brachetti¹ and Ermanno Lavino. Its offices are located at 16 Viale Gorizia, Rome. Farmedical engages in import-export of chemical, sanitary and pharmaceutical apparatuses. The company is not registered at either the Rome Chamber of Commerce or the Rome Tribunal, as is required by Italian law.

3. Farmedical, through Brachetti, was recently reported to have available a large quantity of arms of various types, "of new and old construction", which could be supplied without regard to normal procedure. Transfer of the materiel could be made to any place in Italy at the behest of a purchaser.

4. Brachetti reportedly has been dealing in arms for some time and has conducted some operations for Rodi Reggella.² At present he is allegedly in contact with the Israeli Legation, furnishing munitions purchased from Bombrini-Parodi-Delfino. Brachetti has a contract with the latter company for 10 million 9 millimeter shells. He states that he represents the Giandisco arms factory and is in a position to obtain arms with or without prescribed authorization from military and private organizations, among which figures the firm he represents.

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1. Comment: Possibly identical with Mario Brachetti, born at Montefiascone (Viterbo) on 21 October 1907, residing care of his sister Elena at 15 Via Giacomo Boni, Rome. The sister is married to Carlo De Caulare, chief foreman employed at the Ministry of Transportation, General Directorate of the State Railways.
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- Comment: Probably identical with Rodi El Agheila, previously reported to be an arms purchasing agent for the Egyptian Government. In this connection, [redacted]

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